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UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>HOME</u>

Men's Hockey vs Providence, Oct.20(7:30pm) Women's Rugby @ John Abbott College, Oct.22

Women's Basketball vs Alumni, Oct.20(6:30pm)Men's Rugby @ McGill, Oct. 22

Men's Basketball vs Alumni, Oct. 20(8pm) Women's Volleyball @ Vermont, Oct. 25

Football vs Carleton, Oct. 21 (1pm) Men's Soccer @ McGill, Oct. 25 Men's Soccer vs Sherbrooke, Oct. 21 (2pm) Wrestling @ R.M.C., Oct. 28

Men's Hockey vs Providence, Oct. 21 (2:30pm) Women's Rugby @ Bishop's, Oct. 29

Women's Volleyball vs Carleton, Oct.27 (6pm) Men's Hockey vs Queen's, Oct. 27 (7:30 pm)

Women's Basketball vs Ryerson, Oct. 27 (8:30pm)

STINGERS HOST CARLETON SATURDAY

Football Update: The Stingers were defeated 22–10 on October 14 by the Ottawa Gee Gees. The team's record is now 3–3 after consecutive defeats. Concordia had 241 yards of offense but 82 yards in team losses. The defense shut down league—leading quarterback Cam Baird as he was 2 of 9 for 55 yards. Rookie defensive backs Stéphane Leclerc (Trois—Rivières, Que.) and Scott Hitchcock (Markham, Ont.) had one interception each. Leclerc now has three pick—offs on the season. Hitchcock, who doubles as the long snapper on punts, finished with ten tackles in the game. Cornerback Ian Ployart (Montreal, Que.) had one blocked kick and also deflected a field goal attempt by Ottawa's Cam Baird. Senior defensive back Alvaro Martinez (Montreal, Que.) had 15 tackles including one for a loss. He is now second in the conference with 62 tackles. Senior linebacker Martin Ferdais was named "Candy Store Player of the Game" after finishing with 12 tackles and one sack.

<u>Concordia Players of the Game</u>: The coaching staff has selected **Alvaro Martinez**, **Mike Weerts** (Montreal, Que.) and **Scott Hitchcock** as game stars against Ottawa. Martinez finished with 15 tackles including four solo and one for a loss. Weerts caught four passes for 69 yards while Hitchcock had seven tackles on special teams.

<u>This Week</u>: The Stingers host the Carleton Ravens (0-6), who lost to Queen's 38-11 last week. Leading players for the Ravens include defensive back Phil Schnepf and All-Star linebacker Dave Harr. Schnepf is tied for second in unassisted conference tackles with **Alvaro Martinez**. Both players have 21 tackles.

The Series: Carleton leads the series 9–5–1. the Stingers defeated the Ravens 32–6 at Raven Field. **J.F. Héroux** had his career best game against Carleton finishing with 155 yards last year.

<u>Defensive Leaders vs Ottawa</u>: Alvaro Martinez led the team with a career high 15 tackles. Martin Ferdais also had a strong game with 12 tackles including one sack. Ferdais now has 42 tackles on the season. Rookie middle linebacker Frank Huber (Montreal, Que.) had his usual game finishing with 11 total tackles. He is now second on the team with 46 tackles despite missing two games to start the season. Senior cornerback Stéphane Chapados (Montreal, Que.) was all over the field making 11 tackles. First-year defensive lineman Paul Maines (Beaconsfield, Que.) had 1 Q.B. sack and nine total tackles.

Stingers in the O-QIFC Stats: Placekicker Paul Geary (Mississauga, Ont.) is fifth in conference scoring with 37 points including six field goals. J.F. Héroux (Trois-Rivières, Que.) scored one touchdown on a 47 yard run against Ottawa. He is second in conference rushing with 462 yards and an 8.1 yards per carry average. Johnny Dilegge (Montreal, Que.) remains third in kickoff returns with a 35.0 average despite missing three games. Impressive first-year player and "Conference Rookie of the Year" candidate Ian Ployart has four interceptions and sits second in the league.

YOLLEYBALL TEAM PLACES SECOND IN MCGILL TOURNAMENT

Yolleyball Update: The Stinger Women's Volleyball Team took second place October 14 in the Martlet Invitational. The Stingers defeated Seneca College (15-2, 15-9), Ryerson (15-5,15-1), Queen's (16-14, 15-10) and McGill (15-4, 15-7) to reach the final. The Ottawa Gee Gees defeated the Stingers (15-1, 8-15, 15-4) to take the championship. The Gee Gees finished third in the 15-team O.U.A.A. last year and are favoured to win the championship this season. Setter/hitter **Stefani Desmarais** (Victoria, B.C.) was selected as a tournament All-Star for the Stingers who travel to the University of Vermont (Div. I) October 25.

SOCCER TEAMS WIN THREE OF FOUR

Men's Soccer Update: The men's soccer team won consecutive games over U.Q.T.R. (Oct. 13) and Bishop's (Oct. 15) last week. Shawn Baskett (Montreal, Que.) and Marc Chene (Montreal, Que.) scored for the Stingers against Les Patriotes. Michael Baker (Vankleek Hill, Ont.) scored the winning goal against the Gaiters while James Meddings (Montreal, Que.) replied with the other marker. Baker will also suit up with the Stinger Basketball team this season at the guard position.

<u>Women's Soccer Update</u>: The Stingers split a pair of games against McGill (Oct. 13) and John Abbott College (Oct. 15). In their 2-1 loss to McGill, All-Canadian **Annie Caron** (Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue, Que.) had the Stingers' lone marker. Caron also scored both goals against the Islanders. The current National Team member also serves as the coach of the Islanders and has been nominated for **Student-Athlete of the Year in Quebec**.

STINGERS FACE TOUGH PROVIDENCE FRIARS IN WEEKEND SERIES

Men's Hockey Update: The Stingers travelled to Boston, Mass. last weekend for exhibition Hockey East games against the University of Lowell (Oct. 14) and Boston University (Oct. 15). Concordia lost to the University of Lowell 6–4 as the Chiefs scored three unanswered goals in the last ten minutes. Boston University defeated the Stingers 8–3 as the Terriers lived up to their billing as one of the top five teams in the N.C.A.A.

This Week: Concordia hosts the Providence Friars in a weekend double-header beginning Friday, October 20 (7:30 p.m.). Game two goes Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Saturday's game is "Minor Hockey Day" with all players and coaches receiving free admission to the game.

The Friar Report: The Friars are extremely optimistic after the team's late-season run to the N.C.A.A. Tournament in March of 1989. Providence made one of the most dramatic turnarounds in U.S. college hockey as they went 21-9-2 over the last 32 games after beginning the season with a 1-9-0 record. The Friars lost in the N.C.A.A. quarterfinals to Maine, 4-3 in double-overtime.

The Friars return 22 players from last year's squad including 11 seniors and six juniors. Key players for the Friars will be All-American **Rick Bennett** (6-4, 215), Hockey East Rookie of the Year **Rob Gaudreau** (5-11, 180) and goaltender **Mark Romaine** (296P, 15-10-12, 3.75 6.A.A.).

Bennett (32 GP, 14–32–46), the Friars' team captain, missed the first ten games last year as the team went 1–9–0. With him in the lineup, the team was 21–9–2. He joined freshmen Rob Gaudreau and Mike Boback (38GP, 21–27–48) to form one of the top lines in the N.C.A.A. He is an early-season favourite for the **Hobey Baker Trophy** as the outstanding player in the N.C.A.A.

Gaudreau (42GP, 28-29-57) led the team in scoring last season as a freshman and tied an all-time Providence rookie mark set in 1974-75. He is blessed with a tremendous shot and a quick release. The right winger is the Friars' most natural goal scorer.

After giving up 59 goals in the first 10 games, Friars' goaltenders gave up just 106 over the final 32 games (3.31 average). Last year, Mark Romaine came on strong in the second half of the year to finish with 15 wins. He turned his season around at the R.P.I. Tournament where he won a pair of games while surrendering just one goal to take tourney M.Y.P. honours.

The Record: The Stingers are 1-0-1 against the Frians dating back to 1975.

<u>Last Week</u>: The rookies were the story against Lowell as first-year player **Scott Kerins** (Brampton, Ont.) had two goals. Second-year players **E.J. Janiszewski** (Dollard des Ormeaux, Que.) and **John Gravelle** (Dollard des Ormeaux, Que.) had the other markers. All goals were set up by rookies as **Marc Desmarais** (Ile Perrot, Que.), **Steve Sonoski** (Brampton, Ont.), **Stéphane Therrien** (Laval, Que.) and **John Steenbakkers** (Ottawa, Ont.) drew single assists. Impressive newcomer **Pat Ryan** (Gloucester, Ont.) assisted on each of linemate Scott Kerins' goals.

In game two, **Richard Laplante** (Boucherville, Que.) had two goals while **John Gravelle** had the other tally for the Stingers.